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APPROVAL OF LARGE-SCALE UNDP ASSISTANCE TO A PROJECT OF THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA

Project title and number:	<u>Crop Protection against Bird Damage (KEN/77/002)</u>
Executing Agency:	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Government co-operating agency:	Ministry of Agriculture
Date of approval:	May 1978
Estimated starting date for project operations:	July 1978
Duration:	Three years
Estimated value of the Government input expressed in US dollars:	\$10 400 (In kind)
Estimated UNDP contribution:	\$335 400
Source of UNDP financing:	Indicative Planning Figure (IPF)

I. Background

1. The Government of Kenya has been actively engaged in crop protection against bird damage for more than twenty years. However, the magnitude of the problem has been increasing proportionately to the agricultural development of Kenya to the extent that the Quelea Control Unit is now unable to cope adequately with the limited resources at its disposal.

2. The Government considers that it is time to assess the function of the Quelea Control Unit in order to identify constraints and make improvements accordingly.

II. The project

3. The development objective of the project is to reduce bird damage to crops, in particular to such drought-resistant crops as sorghum and millet which are predominantly grown in the medium and low potential areas now the scene of considerable development efforts.

4. The immediate objectives of the project include the introduction of the new crop protection strategies; the development of a national scouting system; and an assessment of the extent of the bird pest problem in the country and the principal pest agencies involved. Anticipated outputs include a report on quantitative and qualitative aspects of the bird pest problem in cereal crops; trained bird control cadre; recommendations on a suitable infrastructure for monitoring and control of the bird pest problem. Project activities will include survey work, collection of pest species to determine the ecological limits within which the different pest species breed. In-service training will be undertaken.

5. UNDP will provide for the services of one expert in ornithology, for train, equipment and miscellaneous costs. The Government will provide the necessary national staff, administrative support personnel, equipment and miscellaneous operating costs.

6. The expenditure components of the UNDP contribution are as follows:

	<u>m/m</u>	<u>\$</u>
International staff	36	202 900
Training		33 000
Equipment		64 500
Miscellaneous		<u>35 000</u>
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